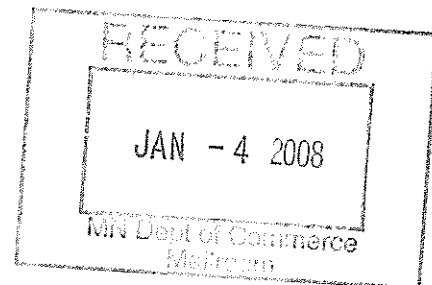


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Dear Mr. Storm:

After reading some of the Environmental Impact Statement I still stand on the opposing side of this project. Although it would be nice to have a few more job openings on the iron range, I feel that the environmental effects are too harsh and outweigh the benefits of building and operation the coal facility of the proposed mesaba project.

I like to consider myself an avid walleye angler, enjoying many of the area's local waters. With the proposed location of the mesaba project, the facility will be releasing mercury emissions into the air which will end up in the local lakes and rivers. Where I live and fish will be in the red zone on the map of the mercury emissions impact zone, which means that, 800+ fg/m3 of mercury will be emitted from the new plant. Allowed walleye consumption is already low for men and women not planning on getting pregnant, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, being allowed to eat up to one meal of walleye a week. That number goes down from one meal a week to one meal a month for pregnant women, women who may become pregnant, and children under age fifteen. With more emissions of mercury into the air and water, these numbers of meals could turn for meals per week to meals per month, meals per month to meals per year. I think this project is unsafe for the environment and the local residents, people and animals, and should be reconsidered if it is a right fit for the location.

I thank you for your time in allowing me to write this letter and voice my opinion. I hope you take what I have said into consideration.

Sincerely,

Ryan Neururer